



HeartStone: the paired Parish of Sacred Heart & St John Stone

Seeking fresh Vision and new Energy



Sunday 12th July – 15th in Ordinary Time

Liturgy & Spiritual Life

Community Life & Service

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Sun	<i>Ss Louis and Zelig Martin, parents of St Therese</i> 12.00 noon Mass: People of the Parish SJS	<i>Sea Sunday</i> <i>Coronavirus Lockdown week 17 begins</i>
Mon	9.30 Morning Prayer of the Church SJS 12 Mass: Frank Steele (ILM) SJS 6.30pm Evening Prayer of the Church	7.30 Joint Church Teams Zoom
Tues	9.30 Morning Prayer of the Church SJS 11.00 Garden Group #1 SJS 12 Mass: Fr Peter Kelly (A) SJS 3.00 Garden Group #2 SJS 4.30 Spiritual Counsel Zoom 6.30 Evening Prayer of the Church SJS	1-3 Ainsdale Foodbank at Methodists
Wed	11.00 Spiritual Counsel Phone 12 Mass: Fr Mattie O'Callaghan (A) SJS 2.00 Spiritual Counsel Zoom 6.30 Evening Prayer of the Church	11-12 Place2Be Community Market Car Park 4.30 CtK School Governors Zoom 7.30 Sharing Scripture (John Sullivan) Zoom
Thur	9.30 Morning Prayer of the Church SJS 11.00 Garden Group #3 SJS 12 Mass: Fr Brian Lawlor (A) SJS 3.00 Garden Group #4 SH 6.30 Evening Prayer of the Church SJS	1 -3 Ainsdale Foodbank at Methodists 3pm CTiA Ministers Zoom 8pm Bereavement Training #3 Zoom
Fri	9.30 Morning Prayer of the Church 12 Mass: Our Covid Dead: 44,000 SJS 6.30 Evening Prayer of the Church	Decision whether return to Covid Mass
Sat	9.30 Morning Prayer of the Church Mass Time to be decided: Mass Intention: Keith Lloyd (B)	3.30 Priests Synod Group

Sunday 19th July – 16th in Ordinary Time

Sun	Mass Time(s) to be decided: Mass Intention: People of the Parish SJS	
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LITURGY and LIVING

FRUITFULNESS is Jesus message in the parables of these weeks' Scriptures. It is because of the continuous, effective work of God that we can place our faith in fruitfulness. That work is called "sending out God's Word" in the Bible – and his word, unlike ours a lot of the time, is such that what he says gets done! You can trust it...IF you have faith and daring! **Your faithing is vital! You are very important! You are so seriously needed in our times, and the hope of the world, of creation, is relying of your faithfulness for fruitfulness.** The Scriptures today speak for all people and all creation – especially in our Covid Era – that they are longing to share in what is given to, and made possible for other by, those who persevere in faithing. "To enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children on God" is how the hope of the world is expressed in mass today! The entire creation is groaning in hope for this – and this is what has been given to those who do the faithing. More or less! You don't have to be a perfect Christian to be fruitful in this Word/Work of God. You have "the first-fruits of the Spirit...many have longed to see what you see, and hear what you hear" **You do have to keep going ...** tilling the soil so it becomes rich soil for the seeds of God to be sown, watered, nurtured and cultivated. More or less! **INSPIRATION** is the new Covid Consciousness, conceived by Liverpool based Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald in the Justice and Peace Virtual Assembly last week. The Spirit at work in you, God inspiring you....more or less and more and more! There may be lots of obstacles, within and around us. But that doesn't stop Inspiration bringing fruitfulness.

HEARTSTONE SEEKING NEW VISION AND FRESH SPIRIT

THE 7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: Knowledge

With the gift of knowledge, we understand the meaning of God. The gift of knowledge is more than an accumulation of facts, or even truths, but is like the teaching today: "those who receive the word with understanding... produce a harvest" from rich soil. This kind of knowledge is more like "you get it", it is appreciating God, realizing the worth of what you know, the kind of knowing you have when you have lived with somebody for years sharing love!

SYNOD 2020 or now 2021

The Archdiocese: The actual Synod has now been moved to June 19th 2021

Southport Synod Members will meet again on September 17th. Meanwhile we continue the Bereavement Care learning by zoom and members offer reflection on the Synod Themes weekly: this week is Learning From this Covid Time:

Some seed fell into rich soil. This Covid pandemic has shown us that, like our Synod, we are all on the journey together. There are positive fruits arising from this virus. NHS and social care staff have worked tirelessly, putting the welfare of others before their own, sometimes forfeiting their lives; other key workers have worked hard for the benefit of the community; neighbours have been caring for each other; charities have been providing food for those in need; homeless people have been given shelter. The fruits are many.

The question is: Will they continue when the pandemic is over?

THE PARISH OPEN FORUM

Thank You to all who managed to join in our first Virtual Forum, and Val and Anne P and Monica who led with me.

Weiji: following our sharing of the dangers and opportunities in these times, we shared fears and desires about the returning to mass. Many new people have joined in by internet around the world, and the filming will continue when churches open again. Some will not be ready to return to the restricted Covid Eucharist for some time, for various reasons, but some feel it is better than nothing at all. See the details for HeartStone in this newsletter.

Volunteering is what makes progress possible, but not by those over 70. Our children, adult ones, could step up to volunteer to help out in these times, could they?

Groupings become more and more important now: as a way of parish life in future, for people to learn tips on leading such sharing and prayers together. Zoom learnings and meetings are also here to stay.

Charities: I decided to support the suggestion that we delay for 6 months the choice of the 3 parish charities for the next two years because of being so long without fund raising for our existing 3.

The Church Teams meet on Monday evening - those who can by zoom - for further discussion and planning, and Mike Thornber is hosting the Sacred Heart Team in his garden also, and the **Vision Team** continue with our decisions and plans and meet 23rd July at 2pm.

❖ **Continuing the Covid conversations is good now:** by email or phone to the office, by inviting me to garden groupings or you joining a zoom meeting later on

❖ **Garden Groupings** this week can include discussion of the Forum and anything you wish

❖ THE GATHERING CHURCH

This week we continue our preparations for returning to express our faith as a gathering church, but restrictions still apply, there are steps we can take to adjust to get ready for social distancing disciplines as we come out of isolation, lockdown, and step by step I will update the parish in this newsletter and the website.

No final decisions will be taken until Friday 17th July at 12noon when the newsletter is written:

to ensure that no local outbreak has occurred, the risk assessment and conditions are all met, we have sufficient volunteers and training, and the Archbishop's certification has been received.

❖ **This Week let us focus on being a community who commit to LIVING THE WORD:**

The God Who Speaks, showing his presence and action, and communicating with us – this is the God of Jesus, his and our “Abba”. What are we hearing, individually for our futures and communally as a faith community, an ecclesia of Christ’s followers who hear and then live the word sown in our hearts and minds.

The God who Speaks is the title of our National Catholic push this year to increase love and learning from the Word of God among all Catholics. Eleanor contributes to this website weekly and we recommend this week:



[Word at Home - The God Who Speaks](https://www.godwhospeaks.uk)
www.godwhospeaks.uk

In September 2020 we will be celebrating the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome’s death. As we face the current challenges of self-isolation it makes sense to turn to St Jerome for help as he was very experienced in social distancing.

<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/the-god-who-speaks/word-at-home/home-alone-with-st-jerome/>



[THE GOD WHO SPEAKS](https://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

Memorise Scripture. Another key piece of advice is to memorise Scripture. This can seem overwhelming to us today, so here’s a Bible Society article with great practical tips on how to do this. Bible Journalling. St Jerome, St Paula and St Eustochium painstakingly wrote out the Scriptures, translating them from the original languages into Latin.

www.godwhospeaks.uk

The **WEDNESDAY WORD** is free and easy, from their website each week, for reflection on the coming Sunday masses Scriptures. A copy of it is attached with this newsletter this week for you to try it.

www.wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/642-A-Ord-16-2020.pdf

THE ARCHDIOCESAN WEBSITE is also a source for Living the Word:

<https://www.liverpoolcatholicresources.com/> for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, which includes

- Readings for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- Meet the team.
- Further updates to ‘Life During Lockdown’.

❖ I have also invited the regular morning prayer people to join me for **The Liturgy of the Hours** form this week on: the psalms and prayer in the official “Prayer of the Church”

❖ **HOLY COMMUNION IN THE COVID ERA:**

It is the ancient teaching of our Catholic Tradition that we make Holy Communion with our Lord, the Crucified and Risen Christ, in many ways when we gather for Eucharist. The mass includes at least 5 sacramental means of receiving Christ in communion, all of them giving His *Real* Presence in different ways:

1. In the gathered presence of the people of faith, the community living as the Body of Christ. This is *real* communion
2. In the presence and ministry of the Priest – who embodies the presence of Christ as servant-leader and the unity of the Body of Christ, the assembled people. This is *real* communion.
3. In the Word of God, communicating to us through the proclamation of the Scriptures, and the Preaching. This is *real* communion.
4. In the prayer of the gathered followers of Christ: the Bidding Prayers, Offertory, Eucharistic Prayer. This is *real* communion.
5. In the receiving of the Holy Communion, the sacramental Body and Blood of the Crucified, Risen Christ. This is *real* communion.

We cannot have all these means all together yet, as we are accustomed to treasure in the usual Eucharist. In the Covid Era, we can learn to know Christ’s presence in the different means separately that we celebrate together in the Mass:

- Whenever Christians gather for prayer in the name of Christ
- When the Scriptures are shared and Reflections shared
- In other meetings for Spiritual life with the Priest.
- In Holy Communion received in other liturgies.

The Covid Eucharist includes all these means in restricted form, but meanwhile we can also celebrate the different ways of real presence separately..

IF ALL GOES WELL, AND PLANS TURN OUT OKAY, I HOPE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING:

❖ Beginning from Next Weekend:

Covid Eucharist in St John Stone Church, Saturday evening and Sunday morning **times to be announced next newsletter IF the decision to go ahead safely is made then.**

- ❖ we must continue to treasure the discoveries of home spirituality, not everyone should come out yet for mass, only limited numbers are permitted at each mass and weekdays are the same as Sundays in this time, so please treat weekdays as the same as Sunday mass, there is no obligation currently – contact details as you enter - face masks, social distancing, sanitising, no singing or physical contact - communion at the end as you leave church for your daily life.
- ❖ **Covid Eucharist** available on the weekdays also – times to be announced next week IF we go ahead.
- ❖ **Requesting your seat at the Table of the Lord** will be by phoning for which day and time of mass you would like to come. There will be a maximum number, first come first served, and any calls after the maximum, we will let you know alternatives: **so please do always leave a phone number to call you back, just in case.**
- ❖ **We begin with St John Stone church only** at this time, as all authorities recommend, and learn as we go along, but in addition to mass in SJS, I hope to offer **Holy Communion only with a short prayer, outside the porch of Sacred Heart Church**, from next weekend, times to be announced.
- ❖ **THE VOLUNTEERING CHURCH** Among the many **IFs in the Maybe Month** of July, is **IF we have the volunteers.** We do not yet! If you are not in the vulnerable groups, and can spare an hour or so some day of the weeks, do please let me know in the office. We will do training for the welcoming, ushering and wiping clean surfaces roles and make sure all is safe and simple.

❖ THE OPEN AIR CHURCH:

- **The Garden Groupings** are a beautiful fruit of the Covid Era: long may they continue. They are sure and safe: social distancing, face mask if you wish, prayer time and talking together.
- They are evolving now into **open air mass groupings.** **Do phone** to say which group time you would like to join, And why not start your own group in your own garden....rosary, Scripture, invite me for mass if you wish.
- **Members of the Vision Team** will be helping me in the Garden Groupings also.
- **Priest Ministry** - if anyone would like counsel or ministry or sacraments with me, do let me know in the office and we can arrange it safely in the garden within the restrictions, or your own garden.

MEANWHILE, IN OTHER SOUTHPORT CHURCHES.....

St Joseph's, Birkdale: Communion at the Porch in open air, Saturday and Sunday 10am
Mass on YouTube: Saturday 5.30pm
See also www.faithinisolaton.com

St Marie's, Southport: Thursday – Sunday 10-12, open for prayer with Exposition
Saturday evening, 6pm, Covid Mass; Sunday Masses 8.30am, 10am, 11.30am
Tuesday – Saturday, 12 noon Covid Mass. Limited to 64 participants.

Holy Family, Southport: See Website for Wellbeing Series, by Eve Allen, e.g. on anxiety
and www.alonetogether.org.uk

St Joseph's Freshfield Prayer Centre are appearing on Songs of Praise on TV on 26th July

The Catholic Pic for July is out....take your copy from the doors of church...sanitisedly or visit www.catholicpic.co.uk

- ❖ **We join in prayer together** : In thanksgiving and gratitude for all blessings and gifts we appreciate.

See the attached poem/prayer by Fr Denis Blackledge – Viral Prayer

For all who are sick: Jeff Steed, Chris Kelly, Finbarr Gurhy, Francis Lathom, Dave Abbott, Johan Turner, Teresa Dilworth, and also those who have Covid-19 ...

Those who have died: Fr Barney Eager, Thomas Duffy, Maureen Collins, Anne Brammah, Eileen Smith, Eric Hodgson, Suzanne Kearns, Jacky Moore, Anne Hood, Gertie Reilly, Valerie Spalding, and anniversaries about this time, including the priests listed on the front page!

For all who are struggling with life: those in anxiety, unemployment, prison, troubled by gambling, family tensions.

Money Matters:

THANK YOU for whatever you can manage: Standing Orders continue; cheques welcome, to **Sacred Heart or to St John Stone** and post it or drop it in to the Parish Office. Envelopes can be handed in our stored up for later.

Online giving is now possible via the Archdiocese website

The link to the page for Sacred Heart parish is: <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/sacred-heart-southport>

The link to the page for St John Stone is: <https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-john-stone-southport>

You can also donate by text if you wish Texts cost the amount you choose plus one standard rate message

Sacred Heart - Text [HEARTAINSDALE](http://www.heartainsdale.com) to 70460 to donate £5.

Text [HEARTAINSDALE](http://www.heartainsdale.com) to 70470 to donate £10

St John Stone – Text [STJOHNSTONE](http://www.stjohnstone.com) to 70460 to donate £5.

Text [STJOHNSTONE](http://www.stjohnstone.com) to 70470 to donate £10.